

BCCFA Conference
June 12-14 2019
Mission, BC
Updated June 6th

<p>2019 BCCFA Conference Program</p> <p>All sessions will take place in the Ballroom at the Best Western Plus - Mission City Lodge 32281 Lougheed Hwy Mission, BC V2V1A3</p>	
WEDNESDAY JUNE 12	
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Hot breakfast Registration desk open
8:10 am – 3:30 am	<p>Mission Municipal Forest Field Trip Meet at the front entrance to the Best Western Hotel. Bus transportation provided The morning will start with a tour of Tree Farm Licence 26, discussing the history and features of the forests in Mission, looking at forest management of natural and managed stands, and focusing on community involvement. We will then head to the Stave West Forest and Recreation Area, a designated Interpretive Forest, to discuss the transformation of the area, recent improvements and future plans. Lunch will be held at the beautiful Zajac Ranch, a summer camp for Children with Medical Conditions. The afternoon will conclude with a tour of a local Log Sort and High Value, Custom Cut Sawmill.</p> <p>Resource People: Bob O'Neal, RPF, Director of Forestry, District of Mission Chris Gruenwald, RPF, Manager of Forestry Business, District of Mission Tom Blackbird, Recreation Officer, Recreation Sites and Trails BC, Chilliwack</p>
	Dinner on your own
5:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Registration desk open
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	<p>Welcome Reception Meet and Greet starts at 6:00. This is a free event and open to the public. Welcome from George Brcko, Wells Gray Community Forest Manager and BCCFA President Traditional Welcome by Kwantlen First Nation Members Kevin Kelly and Dennis Leon We will also hear from local dignitaries and conference sponsors The evening will feature local craft beer and wine</p>
THURSDAY JUNE 13	

7:00 am - 8:30 am	Hot Breakfast and registration
8:30 am – 9:00 am	<p>Session 1 Welcome George Brcko, BCCFA President</p> <p>Welcome and Housekeeping Susan Mulkey, BCCFA Manager of Communication and Extension, Conference Coordinator</p> <p>How Community Forests are Changing the Way BC’s Forests are Managed - The Year in Review Jennifer Gunter, BCCFA Executive Director Many in the forestry sector today understand that we need to do things differently. As we look to find ways to advance reconciliation with Indigenous people, to become more responsive to a changing climate, and to create healthy and resilient forests and communities, community forests offer a tangible solution. The BCCFA advocates for more and larger community forests and for forest policy that enhances the ability of CFA holders to create benefits for their communities and to the province. In this presentation, Jennifer will provide an overview of the BCCFA’s work over the past year and highlight the findings of a new socio-economic impact study of BC’s community forest program as well as the results of the latest Community Forest Indicators Survey documenting the benefits generated by BCCFA members.</p>
9:00 am – 10:30 am	<p>Session 2 Moderator: Steve Kozuki</p> <p>The 4 Pillars of Disaster Management: Community Forest Leadership & Innovation Resiliency and Adaptation in the Context of Changing Fire Behavior and Effects</p> <p>Bob Gray, Association for Fire Ecology, Certified Wildland Fire Ecologist R.W. Gray Consulting Ltd. Climate change is predicted to lead to longer fire seasons, increased burned area and greater fire severity. This may in turn lead to a significant increase in the economic, social and environmental burden of wildfires. Under rapidly changing climatic and wildfire conditions is it possible to promote resilience, is the concept of resilience even relevant, and what would resilience and adaptation look like. In this presentation, Bob will present the latest science on climate change and wildfire and then present some thoughts on resilience and adaptation.</p> <p>Managing for Multiple Values Garnet Mireau, RPF, Forsite and Logan Lake Community Forest Management Team Forest professionals that support the management of community forests are required to juggle ever more environmental, economic and social objectives. This stewardship trinity can be challenging to everyone involved. How do we sustain and protect our community’s best interests? Is there room for every value and/or every voice? The Logan Lake Community Forest will share their experience and</p>

	<p>understanding of wildfire prevention and mitigation since 2004; all the while leveraging their knowledge of resilient forests, legal/ non-legal requirements and markets. We are challenged to think differently. There is an “I” in “Team” and Garnet can’t wait to show us where we can find it in our communities too.</p> <p>Good for the Hood - FireSmart for Private Land Jessica Duncan, FIT, Prevention Specialist, BC Wildfire Service, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Jessica will be speaking about the shared responsibility of FireSmart and the seven disciplines that make the program successful. She will bring case study examples and promote the importance of engaging the community to be active in FireSmart efforts.</p> <p>Voice of Experience – Steps to Building Your Own Crew Cedar Elliot and Margaret Symon, Khowutzun Forest Services Cedar and Margaret will give an overview of Khowutzun Forest Services and their contract firefighting crews, describing fire prevention in their Community Forest and fire related activities province-wide.</p> <p>Restoration, Reclamation, Reforestation with Native Species Ron Jacobson, Business Development Manager, NATS Nursery Ltd. Ron will share his deep knowledge of the value of native species and their role in fire and ecosystem recovery efforts.</p>
<p>10:30 am – 10:50 am</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>10:50 pm – 12:00 pm</p>	<p>Session 3 First Nations Reconciliation Panel</p> <p>Moderator: Doug Stewart, Director Tenures Branch, MFLNRORD</p> <p>What does reconciliation mean to you? What role do community forest managers and boards have in reconciliation? The importance of reconciliation and building relationships with Indigenous People is highlighted by the federal and provincial commitments to implement the United Nations Declaration for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and the principle of free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC). In addition, the context for forestry in BC has changed significantly in relation to Indigenous peoples in the past 10 years. The provincial government has provided volumes/tenure to First Nations as accommodation, economic development, and land management control. Where community forests are working with Indigenous governments, effective relationship approaches and partnerships are key to successful forest management.</p> <p>Andrea Lyall, RPF, Doctoral Candidate, UBC Faculty of Forestry Andrea will be speaking about her understanding of the meaning of reconciliation,</p>

	<p>with examples of reconcilACTION (the implementation of reconciliation) for community forests.</p> <p>Garry Merkel, RPF, co-chair, Minister’s Forest and Range Practices Advisory Council and co-chair of the First Nations Council of Advisors. Garry will help us understand reconciliation and how to personalize it in our lives, particularly as it relates to the collaborative management of our forests with First Nations.</p> <p>Hugh Flinton, RPF, Manager Williams Lake Community Forest and Tom Alphonse T’excelcenc (Williams Lake Indian Band) The Williams Lake Community Forest is a partnership between the Williams Lake Indian Band and the City of Williams Lake. Hugh and Tom will speak to the benefits and opportunities for building relationships inherent in a community forest tenure, based on their shared experience in the Williams Lake Community Forest.</p>
<p>12:00 pm – 1:00 pm</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>1:00 pm - 2:00 pm</p>	<p>Session 4 Provincial Policy Update</p> <p>Moderator: Jeff Mc Williams, BA Blackwell and Associates Over the last two years, the Province of British Columbia has initiated engagement processes and action on numerous aspects of forest policy. With 94 per cent of the land and forest resources in BC under tenure arrangements, the province is challenged to meet new demands. Innovation and initiative are required to respond to a changing climate and wildfires, global economics, First Nations rights and reconciliation, mid-term timber supply and the needs of forest communities. The BCCFA is engaged in these processes, representing the needs and interests of community forests. In this session, key Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development representatives charged to move these initiatives forward will provide updates and answer questions from participants.</p> <p>Jim Schafthuisen, Executive Director, Forest Policy and Indigenous Relations Division, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Jim will present on the provincial policy changes associated with the Coast Revitalization process and the plans for the Interior Renewal process. The two processes are intended to address market conditions, trade relationships, changing technology and business practices.</p> <p>Diane Nicholls, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Forester Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Diane will speak to the multi-year, incremental process to improve the Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA) initiated by the Province. The improvement initiative began with initial enabling changes in spring 2019 and is moving into comprehensive</p>

	<p>changes to the Act and regulations that are being developed with the participation of First Nations, local government, stakeholders, industry and professional associations over the next few years.</p> <p>Meggin Messenger, Office of the Chief Forester, Executive Director, Strategic Initiatives</p> <p>Forest management is an ever changing practice that responds to evolution in values, science, world economies and technology. How do we move from the forest management we have today and meet the challenges posed by climate change? What does a low carbon economy mean for the sector? How will we work together to support communities and maximize values on the land base? Forest carbon and the bioeconomy bring some new thoughts to the discussion.</p> <p>Facilitated Q & A on the opportunities and challenges the proposed reforms bring for community forests.</p>
<p>2:00 pm – 2:30 pm</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>2:30 pm - 4:30 pm</p>	<p>Managers’ Meeting Facilitated by George Brcko, BCCFA President and Jennifer Gunter, Executive Director, BCCFA</p> <p>This two-hour session will begin with a presentation by Julie MacDougall, Director of Resource Practices Branch and Norah White, Manager of Resource Practices Branch on the Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA) Improvement Initiative. This will give managers a chance to ask more specific questions and to provide feedback to the proposed reforms.</p> <p>The remainder of the agenda for this session will be open to participants to bring forward additional matters of importance to Community Forest Managers.</p>
<p>2:30 pm - 4:30 pm</p>	<p>Board of Directors’ Governance Session Facilitated by Susan Mulkey, Manager of Communication and Extension, BCCFA</p> <p>This session will begin with presentations by:</p> <p>Community Investment Co-Op – Gord Borgstrom, BC Rural Centre Gordon will provide a high-level overview of the work of the BC Rural Centre and its work in supporting the creation of community investment cooperatives as a mechanism to invest local funds into local businesses.</p> <p>Insurance and CFAs – Jordan Fellner, CIP, CRM, CAIB, Account Manager HUB International Insurance Brokers Hub Insurance Jordan will speak to the best practices in insurance for community forests.</p> <p>The presentations will be followed by informal discussion on matters of importance to Directors on Boards of CFAs including contingency funds and investments, conflict of interest, governance and more. Participants will be given an opportunity to identify issues for discussion.</p>

6:00 pm - 11:00 pm	<p>Annual Banquet, Awards and Silent Auction</p> <p>Presentation of the Robin Hood Memorial Award for Excellence in Community Forestry Chris Stagg, Assistant Deputy Minister, Timber Operations, Pricing, and First Nations Division, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development</p>
FRIDAY JUNE 14	
6:30 am - 8:20 am	Hot Breakfast
8:30 am – 10:00 am	<p>BCCFA AGM</p> <p>All full members must be in good standing to vote at the AGM. Please see Jennifer to pay your annual dues or to check on the status of your organization. Each community forest must select one person to represent them in a vote at the AGM.</p>
10:00 am -10:15 am	<p>Session 5 Moderator: Susan Mulkey</p> <p><u>When Forest Management Becomes Personal – An Overview of the Work of Community Forest Managers in British Columbia</u> Meike Siegner, UBC Graduate Student, Faculty of Forestry</p> <p>Drawing from a qualitative study on managerial decision-making in community forests in BC, Meike will report on insights into the nature and scope of the managerial role in community forest organizations, and how management can effectively balance business and community goals and values.</p>
10:15 am – 10:30 am	<p>Session 6 Moderator: Alison Krahn, Program Manager, Indigenous Initiatives, UBC Faculty of Forestry</p> <p>Incorporating Traditional Values into Forest Management Francis Johnson, Alkali Resource Management, Esk’etemc Community Forest</p> <p>To fully understand traditional values on the land, we must first understand that each First Nation is unique and that they have their own values which drive their management goals. For the Secwepemc, knowledge of forest management is passed on through oral history and thousands of years of observation, teachings and guidance from the Creator. This knowledge is then incorporated into their laws and governance.</p>
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Break with substantial food available to sustain people through the Blanket Exercise to 2:00!
11:00 am – 2:00 pm	<p>Session 7 Reconciliation through Education and Understanding – The Blanket Exercise Bonnie Van Hatten, KAIROS Blanket Exercise Regional Coordinator (BC-Yukon)</p>

The Blanket Exercise is a unique, participatory history lesson – developed in collaboration with Indigenous Elders, knowledge keepers and educators – that fosters truth, understanding, respect and reconciliation among Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

The Blanket Exercise is based on participatory popular education methodology with a goal to build understanding about our shared history as Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada by walking through pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization and resistance. Everyone is actively involved as they step onto blankets that represent the land, and into the role of First Nations, Inuit and later Métis peoples. For more information go to: <https://www.kairoscanada.org/what-we-do/indigenous-rights/blanket-exercise>